

Procedure: Categorical Eligibility

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Purpose

Define category requirements for participation in the Nebraska WIC Program.

Definition of Category

Persons who meet the definitions of pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding women, or infants or children under the age of five may be categorically eligible. Category definitions are:

- 1. Pregnant women—women determined to have one or more fetuses in utero.
- 2. Postpartum women—women up to six months after termination of pregnancy. This includes pregnancies terminated for any reason, including spontaneous or therapeutic abortion.
- 3. Breastfeeding women—women up to one year postpartum who are breastfeeding their infants.
- 4. Infants—persons under one year of age.
- 5. Children—persons who have had their first birthday but have not attained their fifth birthday.